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Arizona Department of Education Releases 2015 AzMERIT Test Results

(Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 30, 2015) – Superintendent of Public Instruction Diane Douglas today announced the release of combined statewide results for Arizona’s new statewide achievement test, AzMERIT, and National Center and State Collaborative (NCSC) assessments for students who tested this spring.

The results include the statewide percentage of Arizona public school students who passed the assessments, along with the percentage at each performance level. They also include percentages for Arizona public schools, districts and charter holders as well as demographic breakdowns.

“I would like to thank my staff here at the Department for their tireless work to compile these results as quickly as possible given the hasty adoption of AzMERIT late last year,” said Superintendent Douglas. “In addition to giving schools and teachers more information about how they can better serve Arizona students, the results will give parents one more resource when making decisions about the education of their children.”

AzMERIT was adopted by the Arizona Board of Education in November 2014, allowing schools only a few months to prepare for the test before it was administered.

Arizona public school students in third grade through high school take AzMERIT. Students in grades 3 through 8 take an assessment in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics at their grade level. Students taking high school level English and math take End-of-Course assessments that test their proficiency in those subjects.

NCSC is Arizona’s new alternate statewide achievement test for eligible students with significant cognitive disabilities. The NCSC alternate assessment is based on alternate achievement standards (AA-AAS) for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. Eligible Arizona public school students take the NCSC Alternate Assessments for ELA and mathematics in third through eighth grade and 11th grade.

For more information on AzMERIT and NCSC, please visit www.azed.gov/assessment.

The file containing all of the AzMERIT/NCSC results is available at http://www.azed.gov/research-evaluation/files/2015/11/azmerit_ncsc_2015.xlsx.

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2015 AzMERIT/NCSC Passing and Proficiency Rates for All Students

Mathematics

Test Level	% Passing	% Performance Level 1	% Performance Level 2	% Performance Level 3	% Performance Level 4
Grade 3	42	27	31	29	13
Grade 4	42	29	29	32	10
Grade 5	40	29	31	28	12
Grade 6	33	37	30	22	11
Grade 7	31	47	22	18	13
Grade 8	34	41	25	20	14
Algebra I	32	45	23	23	9
Algebra II	30	46	25	23	7
Geometry	30	42	27	25	6

English Language Arts

Test Level	% Passing	% Performance Level 1	% Performance Level 2	% Performance Level 3	% Performance Level 4
Grade 3	40	43	16	30	11
Grade 4	42	41	17	36	6
Grade 5	32	36	31	28	4
Grade 6	36	39	25	32	4
Grade 7	33	42	25	29	5
Grade 8	35	39	26	27	8
Grade 9	26	44	29	22	5
Grade 10	32	47	21	22	10
Grade 11	30	51	19	20	11

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